

120803
13281

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

TERRELL C. BIRCH
RAYMOND C. STEWART
JAMES M. SLATTERY
MICHAEL K. MUTTER
CHARLES GORENSTEIN
GERALD M. MURPHY, JR.
LEONARD R. SVENSSON
ANDREW D. MEIKLE
MARC S. WEINER
JOE MCKINNEY MUNCY
ROBERT J. KENNEY
JOHN W. BAILEY
MARK J. NUELL, Ph.D.
JAMES T. ELLER, JR.
D. RICHARD ANDERSON
THOMAS M. SMALL*
ROBERT A. SELDON*
JOHN A. SCILLIERI*
SANFORD ASTOR*

OF COUNSEL:
HERBERT M. BIRCH (1905-1996)
BERNARD L. SWEENEY*
ELLIOT A. GOLDBERG*
WILLIAM L. GATES*
EDWARD H. VALANCE
RUPERT J. BRADY (RET.)*
F. PRINCE BUTLER
FRED S. WHISENHUNT (RET.)
JAMES W. HELLWEGE
QUENTIN R. "RICK" CORRIE
ROBERT F. GNUSE
DAVID R. MURPHY
ROBERT M. ASHEN*
MICHAEL R. CAMMARATA

*ADMITTED TO A BAR OTHER THAN VA.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
8110 GATEHOUSE ROAD
SUITE 100 EAST
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042-1248
U S A

(703) 205-8000
FAX: (703) 205-8050
(703) 698-8590 (G IV)

e-mail: mailroom@bskb.com
web: http://www.bskb.com

OTHER OFFICES:
CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA
COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SENIOR COUNSEL:
JOSEPH A. KOLASCH
SCOTT L. LOWE
PAUL C. LEWIS
RICHARD GALLAGHER
MARYANNE ARMSTRONG, Ph.D.
KECIA J. REYNOLDS
KALPANA REDDY
ESTHER H. CHONG
CATHERINE M. VOISINET*
EUGENE T. PEREZ
CAROLYN T. BAUMGARDNER*
MARTIN R. GEISSLER*
J. ALISON GRABELL*
T. BENJAMIN SCHROEDER, Ph.D.
PERCY L. SQUARE
HYUNG N. SOHN
CLINT A. GERDINE
CRAIG A. MCROBBIE
WILLIAM F. NIXON*
DANIEL K. DORSEY
MATTHEW T. SHANLEY
GARTH M. DAHLEN, Ph.D.
ROBERT E. GOOZNER, Ph.D.

REG. PATENT AGENTS:
FREDERICK R. HANDREN
MAKI HATSUMI
KRISTI L. RUPERI, Ph.D.
SUSAN W. GORMAN, Ph.D.
ROBERT W. DOWNS
CHAD J. BILLINGS
CARL T. THOMSEN
JASON W. RHODES
SAM BHATTACHARYA

Date: December 8, 2003

Docket No.: 0425-1098P

22581 U.S. PTO
10/728758

120803

MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a non-English patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No(s). 60/432,660 filed on December 12, 2002. An English translation will follow within the required time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d).

Inventor(s): Naoki MATSUDA
Masayuki YAMAZAKI

For: GAS GENERATOR FOR AIR BAG

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of sixteen (16) pages
- Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-356702 filed in Japan on December 9, 2002.
 - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 - Certified copy(ies) will follow.

Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Preliminary Amendment

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and reference(s)

Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Other:

Provisional application filed in English:

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |
|------------------------------|--|

If "NO," an English translation with a Statement of Accuracy:
 is attached hereto will follow.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | LARGE ENTITY | | SMALL ENTITY | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------|
| BASIC FEE | | \$770.00 | | \$385.00 | | |
| | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 14- 20 = | 0 | X 18 = | \$0.00 | x 9 = | \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 2- 3 = | 0 | x 86 = | \$0.00 | x 43 = | \$0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | + \$290.00 | | + \$145.00 | |
| | | TOTAL | \$1,060.00 | | \$0.00 | |

The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The

original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

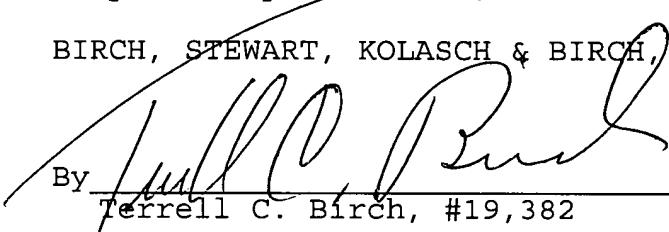
- Non-English specification - \$130.00 surcharge.
- A check in the amount of \$1,190.00 to cover the filing fee, and surcharge (if applicable), is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
- Please send correspondence to:
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP **or** Customer No. 02292
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By


Terrell C. Birch, #19,382

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

MH
TCB:MH/pjh
0425-1098P

Attachment(s)

(Rev. 10/27/03)